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# Your ABCCC News

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The Official Newsletter of the  
All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc

## Message From The President

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> was not a happy day attending the funeral of our long time member Lorraine Lester, though in many ways it was both sad and happy as the eulogies went over her life telling us how she enjoyed life to the full helping and befriending so many people. It was a big funeral with all seats filled and standing room only at the back, with a good turnout from the ABCCC and many old faces from the FTF and historic car movement, almost like a reunion in many respects. RIP Lorraine.

Speaking about funerals reminded me about an incident two weeks ago when two of our long time members returning from a funeral in Sydney were driving along the Princes Highway when he saw the flashing blue lights in the rear window and dutifully pulled over. "What's the matter officer I wasn't speeding" said he, "No sir you were driving too slow, don't you know it's an offence to drive more than thirty kms below the speed limit" said the officer "I had my cruise control set on eighty" said he. At this point his feisty lady jumped out of the car and got stuck into the two officers one male and one female, "he's driving at that speed because I told him to, I am not happy when he speeds, why don't you go catch some real criminals" she got back in the car and they were let off with a caution and sent on their way. My legal advisors have told me not to mention any names but I can tell you he is keeping the Porsche and the feisty lady will be driving it.

The other two events so far this month were both very well organised and very well attended keep up the good work members. The visit to the Ambulance Museum will be reported next edition.

Tony Pettigrew  
President

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### Front cover photo & story

Owners: Red 1968 MGB Graeme Barr & Carol Douglas, 1971 White MGB Garry & Glenda Prewett.

This photo was taken at Rochester on a recent road trip. Not only do the MGBs look great, the Silo Art & Trail provide an amazing background. The Rochester Silos in Victoria were painted by Jimmy DVate and were the 22nd Silos to be completed in the Australian Silo Art Trail. The artist has captured the Azure Kingfisher and the Squirrel Glider.

What a great concept, every one of these art silos has a different story to tell. Well worth seeing.

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## CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

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## MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806. Telephone Number 0418 540 920. **Note: Membership subscriptions are due before the end of December each year.**

## LIFE MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1997. The Club is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas and Mike Allfrey

## CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, For further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link [ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information](#)

1. Initial contact should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
2. PERMIT RENEWALS VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VLCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 were due by 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2021. Please post or Transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, 9 Hagen Drive Berwick, Victoria 3806.

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your details as a reference. Renewal Form can be downloaded if required to update information, from the ABCCC Website.

Thank you,

*Gordon Lindner, Membership Secretary.*

## FROM THE A.O.M.C.

*The news obtained from the AOMC website*

To assist clubs in planning runs and weekend events, the AOMC has recently added a list of Victorian Transport Museums to its website - under "Members". If you know of additional museums not on the list please email details to [secretary@aomc.asn.au](mailto:secretary@aomc.asn.au) Click on this link to see the museum list. [Victorian Transport Museums — AOMC](#)

## FROM THE FEDERATION

### **Department Of Transport Victorian Club Permit Scheme Review.**

The Department Of Transport (D.O.T.) have concerns that the word Domestic means that a VCPS Vehicle can be used for Weddings, Work or any trip not in keeping with Club Events. Restrict to Club Activity, Club sanctioned event or Test Drive of CPS Vehicle only must be within the VCPS System. Horse floats are being towed by VCPS Vehicles to non club events.

Discussion from the floor about vehicle use within clubs, current VCPS use of vehicles for enterprise, with members suggesting that D.O.T. look at Member Clubs' executive committees who approve vehicles for the VCPS system and only be available for legitimate registered clubs.

Damian O'Doherty replied to D.O.T. AOMC and Federation expressing that he was against the word 'Domestic' being removed from Federation's Proposal, his individual comments on costings calculated on full days for VCPS as against full registration of a Vehicle.

Neil Athorn (Federation President) noted that individual comments will be accepted in March by D.O.T.

Neil spoke of vehicles being kept in an acceptable safe condition with members looking after vehicles for use, so therefore the word 'Domestic' should be changed to 'Private' use in the proposal.

Neil spoke about all issues being aired and documented on record for the review going forward and enhancing the movement for club activities.

Christine McCarthy (Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club) spoke in agreeance that the word 'Private' be included as against the word 'Domestic'.

Neil thanked the seven clubs out of over one hundred member clubs who responded to the D.O.T. VCPS review.

Provided by Mike Allfrey from the Minutes of Federation Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

## EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS – Issue No. 253

Welcome to the June edition. What has happened since that last edition? In May we celebrated Mother's Day, we honour the women in our lives that we are connected to, hopefully you all enjoyed this special day!

The autumn days have been great to get out & about in our classics, it's been good to see the photos of the ABCCC outings and well supported by club members, thank you for keeping in touch and sharing these moments. Look forward to seeing the mid-week run to the Ambulance Victoria Museum in the next edition.

You will see how easy it is to get your British car on the front cover of our ABCCC news. I took the liberty to do this with a recent outing with our MGB and this gave Garry inspiration too. This is all in the hope that this may encourage you to send me a picture and bit of an update on your own British classic. Other articles about your experience, memories, mechanic triumphs or challenges, it doesn't need to be technical, anything of interest would be gratefully received. If you need any assistance please let me know. I do request that you submit your front cover photo in a portrait shot not landscape. Email [editor@abccc.com.au](mailto:editor@abccc.com.au)

Just as I am about to hit the send button, unfortunately Victoria's COVID cases grow, our Government announces a statewide seven-day circuit-breaker lockdown to start at midnight 27 May across Victoria. These are difficult & challenging times, please stay safe, wear your masks whenever you are outside of your home.



Glenda Prewett - Editor

### **The MGB in Australia**

provided by Garry Prewett

When Glenda decided to add the MGBs pictured in front of the Rochester Silos to this issues front cover, I thought it would be good to add some information about MGBs in Australia. Knowing that MGBs were manufactured by British Motor Company (BMC) who later were known in Australia as Leyland, but actually finding information on the MGBs manufacturing in Australia was a bit harder than I thought. There is lots of reading on the British information.

The best source was the [www.mgcc.com.au](http://www.mgcc.com.au). There is another website that is trying to get information that is [www.mgbsmadeinaustralia.org](http://www.mgbsmadeinaustralia.org). It was then interesting to read the reason why I was finding it so hard to source information. It was stated that this was due to the fact that when the plant at Zetland NSW was closed, management ordered the disposal of all production records into large industrial waste bins. With the exception of a couple of staff who had the foresight to retrieve what they could, everything was lost. Since then, everybody has been reliant on the memory of others to resolve production details. Unfortunately, there has never been one place where all this knowledge has been gathered and available to everyone.

What is known is that the MGB was delivered to Australia in "Completely Knocked Down" (CKD) form to be assembled by BMC Australia at a plant in Zetland, NSW MGB production commenced in Australia on 4 April 1963 and ceased on 6 November 1972. One reason why local production ceased is that legislation that came into effect in 1972 required that cars have 85% local content in order to avoid duty, and the MGB had less than 50% local content.



When they arrived in Australia, the cars were not painted and had no trim or hoods. Until 1969 the heater was an optional extra. However, many other items that were optional extras in other markets were included as standard in Australia.

Local content is reported to have been as high as 45% in some years and included locally produced hoods, trim, glass, tyres and seats. The seats were supposed to be an improvement on the English seats but were made of vinyl instead of leather.

Now the Famed British brand MG has returned to Australia as Chinese parent company SAIC Motor "focusing on strengthening connections between the Australian and Chinese auto industries"

## Are you keeping informed?

Updated road rules to make passing bicycle riders safer - 26 April 2021

From 26 April, when drivers pass a bicycle rider, they must leave a space of at least 1 metre between your vehicle and the rider on roads with speed limits up to 60km/h.

If drivers are travelling on roads with speed limits over 60km/h, they must leave a bigger space of at least 1.5 metres between your vehicle and the bicycle rider.

The minimum passing distance is measured from the widest part of the combination of vehicle and trailer being towed.

If drivers cannot pass the bicycle rider safely, they need to slow down and wait until the next safe opportunity to do so.

For large vehicles such as when towing boats, horse floats, caravans and 'tradie' trailers, as well as heavy vehicles, such as trucks and buses, a safe distance may be more than the 1m or 1.5m minimum. Therefore, drivers may need to slow down, sit behind and wait for a safe place to pass.

Be patient and keep your distance from people who ride bicycles.

Thanks to John Lambert for sharing this article



## ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

**Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. There have been other events that, due to constraints, have been deleted from this issue. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.**

### IMPORTANT!

**At our Calendar of Events Planning Meeting it was unanimously decided that two club events, during the year, will be reserved for those of our members who have participated in (maybe) another club's outing and believe that it would be a good venue for the ABCCC to visit, then please come forward and organise an event for us. The reserved dates below are prefixed C.M.A. (Club Member Arranged) events. So, we ask you to come forward with event information and we will include it in our Events Directory. Event details should be forwarded to the Editor at least two months prior to the event.**

## WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO – Keep Your Eyes On Your E-mail In-box for any updates.

### May, 2021

#### Ambulance Victoria Museum

Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup> A mid week run – An ABCCC Event

Greg Anglin

Looking forward to seeing details on this event in the next edition of ABCCC News.

### June, 2021

Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> **Due to current Covid19 restriction this event may be cancelled. Watch your emails**

**No event planned**

**C.M.A. – An ABCCC Event**

### July, 2021

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Luncheon – An ABCCC Event

Colin Brown 0408 343 176

Note change of date from Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July

**See Flyer in this edition Page 9 for all the details on how to book and make payment**

Venue Killara Estate, Corner Warburton Highway and Sunnyside Road Seville

Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> An Urban Tour – Yarra Scenic Drive An ABCCC Event

Greg Anglin 0419 882 155

Follow Tourist Route '2' from Warrandyte to Williamstown and enjoy a pub lunch.

Venue – Meeting Point to be Confirmed.

## August, 2021

Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>

C.M.A. – An ABCCC Event

Please forward information to the Editor.

**Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>** Yarra Valley Run – An ABCCC Event  
With Lunch at Wesburn Hotel.  
Venue – Meeting Point to be Confirmed.

Anne and Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906

**Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>** Tour of China Town – An ABCCC Event  
Venue – Meet at the Chinese Museum, 22 Cohen Place, Melbourne.

Greg Anglin 0419 882 155

## September, 2021

**Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>** Tocumwal Air Show – An ABCCC Event  
Includes Visit to a New Museum in Deniliquin  
Venue – Meeting Point to be Confirmed.

George Chrystie 0427 791 202  
Bookings: Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

**Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>** Ned Kelly's Birth Place Run An ABCCC Event  
Venue – Meeting Point to be Confirmed.

Phil Cook 0468 680 538

We will meet at the car park outside Harvey Norman located on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading, Melway Map 48; Reference: G9. Time 9:00 am for a 9:30 am drive off. After driving through Warrandyte and Panton Hill, we will drive up the hill to Kinglake. Then on to Pheasant's Creek where we will stop at the Flying Tarts Bakery for morning tea/coffee. After a short break, we will drive to a lovely country pub where we will have lunch. Meals will be at a nominal charge. Drinks will be at bar prices. As catering needs to be confirmed, will those members who are interested in participating on this event, please let me know. Full route details will be given at the start of the event. Contact Phil Cook on 0468 680 538.

## October, 2021

**Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>** The Terri Allen Garden Tour – An ABCCC Event

Kate Senko 0412 126 369

The Mount Macedon & District Horticulture Society began in 1922 and is one of the oldest garden clubs in Victoria. In that first year the Horticulture Society began by opening gardens on Mount Macedon to the general public. The Horticulture Society began hosting the annual Garden Lovers' Fair in 2003 within the carpark of the Mount Macedon Golf Club. Since 2013 the fair has been held in the grounds of Bolobek, one of Victoria's most historically significant gardens. More information about the fair and Bolobek [www.gardenloversfair.com.au](http://www.gardenloversfair.com.au)  
There is an entrance fee and tickets will need to be pre-paid.

Usually, another one or two gardens open over the same weekend, details of which gardens are yet to be released.

**The Weekend Itinerary:** Graham and I will be driving to Lancefield on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October and staying at Lancefield Lodge, choose whether you wish to stay Friday and Saturday or just overnight.

**Accommodation** at The Lancefield Lodge, 46 – 50 Main Road, Lancefield.

Bookings [www.thelancefield.com.au](http://www.thelancefield.com.au) When booking mention ABCCC rooms are available.

**Dinner:** local venue depending on numbers

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

Attend the Garden Lovers Fair, explore Bolobek's garden, attend a demonstration or join a guided tour of the garden. Visit other open gardens around the Macedon Ranges. (Yet to be advertised)

**Lunch** at the Post Office Café or Mt. Macedon Pub.

Explore the local winery's, markets or other events that maybe happening over the weekend.

**Saturday night dinner,** venue yet to be finalised.

For information or discussion: Contact: Kate Senko (0412 12 6369) or Graham Talmage (0419 399 752)

Email: [hydewood@bordnet.com.au](mailto:hydewood@bordnet.com.au)



**Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>** The Justly Famed Indulgence Tour An ABCCC Event.

Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023

Touring – The Port Fairy area. This year it is proposed we visit Port Fairy in western Victoria. We will be meeting at the BP Service Centre, Princes Highway (Geelong-bound), Little River at 10:00 am for a 10:30am start. Lunch will be at Mortlake prior to proceeding to Port Fairy. Accommodation has been arranged at The Ashmont Motor Inn however accommodation is limited and it will be a case of first in best dressed. The balance of participants (if any) will be accommodated at an adjoining motel. The format for the weekend will be in-line with that of previous years, and the cost will be \$250pp plus accommodation. If you wish to be part of this weekend extravaganza, would you please confirm your intent to Peter on 0407 876 023. You may have previously indicated a desire to be part of this even however, with what has developed over the past few months, you may care to re-consider your position in relation to the weekend. Meeting point is at BP Little River (Geelong Bound) at 10:00 am.

**November, 2021**

**Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>** Cup Day Out An ABCCC Event

Colin Brown 0408 343 176

Venue – Yarra Valley Racecourse, Armstrong Drive, Yarra Glen.

**Thursday November 4<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>** The Sapphire Coast Tour – An ABCCC Event Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

Venue – Meeting Point to be Confirmed.

**Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>** Tasty Tour of Gippsland An ABCCC Event

Ian Terry 0409 097 496

Tour Details to be Confirmed – Lunch at Harman Wines, Wattle Bank.

**December, 2021**

**Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Luncheon An ABCCC Event

Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

Venue – Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park.

**February, 2022**

**Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>** Seaside Retreat – An ABCCC Event

Brian and Marj Pepper 0407 392 330

Venue – Meeting Point to be Confirmed



**Vale – Lorraine Lester**

Lorraine passed away on Sunday 16th May 2021 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer and GBS. Lorraine and husband Peter of 57 years, enjoyed travelling the world, including visiting her daughter Sarah in the USA.

Lorraine participated in many classic car rallies and tours with the Singer Car Club and the All British Classics Car Club. Lorraine enjoyed attending rallies in the 1928 Singer Junior and the open-air travel of the Singer Roadster and LeMans and later in the Jaguar S-Type on many Fly The Flag (FTF) Tours.

She was a wonderful dinner party host and cooked many a tasty dish and her infectious smile and laughter. Lorraine will be very sadly missed.

Condolences to Peter and family.



# Annual Club Luncheon

## Sunday July 11th 2021

### Killara Estate

Corner Warburton Highway and Sunnyside Road Seville

Time: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm

*Please join us for the club's annual luncheon to be held at the popular venue, Killara Estate.*



*A great three-course meal has been selected and includes Entrée of Panko Prawns or Calamari, Main of Roast Lamb and Roast Vegetables or Stuffed Chicken Breast, plus Sticky Date Pudding dessert.*

*This luncheon is a Member only event as the meal cost is subsidised by the club, drinks are provided to pre-set limit.*

*Please advise any dietary requirements.*

*Cost \$40 per head.*

**Pre booking and payment is required by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.**



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**Booking Form**

*Please reserve .....Seats @ \$40 For: .....*

*Bank Transfer: ABCCC. BSB:063 863 A/C 10013709 (enter name & event)*

*After funds transfer advise Colin on [colin.brown@hotmail.net.au](mailto:colin.brown@hotmail.net.au)*

*Or cheque/money order/postal note payable to ABCCC for: \$ .....*

*Send to: Colin Brown*

*PO Box 40*

*Coldstream Vic 3770*

*0408 343 176*

# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

## Rex's Big Day Out

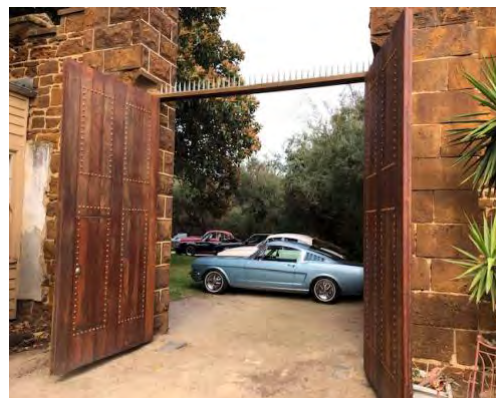
Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Attendees:

Geraldine and Greg Anglin  
Jill and Trevor Beaumont  
Colin Brown  
Shirley and Jack Craven  
Peter Vat & Janet Field  
Michelle and Peter Flavelle  
Deanna and Rex Hall  
Sandy and Peter Hibbert  
Robyn and Robert Joiner  
Dianne and Nello Mafodda  
Maxine and Tony Pettigrew

David and Diana Ashley  
Judy and Leon Cousins  
Tricia and John Flemming  
Russell Simmonds & Eve Glenn  
Mary and Graham Gunn  
Darrell and Peter Jones  
Rob and Mary Nolan  
Frank and Sharon Sawyer  
Ian and Lyn Terry  
Anne and Bryan Tootell

Organised by Rex Hall



What a gem of a day and a great turnout of members for Rex's Big Day Out! As planned we met at the Black Rock House (built in 1856 ) for a lovely morning tea. Now owned by the Bayside City Council and operated by the Friends of Black Rock House, Black Rock House is a heritage-listed treasure. It was built in 1856 by Charles Ebdon, Victoria's first Auditor-General. It certainly was a step back in time. Great view from the fortress type wall, the gates are opened, you can see the display of our vehicles (oh that blue one is not so British) It's a lovely photo anyway and great vehicle & view.

For lunch we made our way to Doyle's Bridge Hotel Café Bar a great venue in the Bayside location of Mordiallic. Very nice place to catch up with everyone!





*Acknowledgement for Story & Photos to Trevor Beaumont, Peter Hibert*

## SOUTH GIPPSLAND RUN PART 2

Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>

Organised by Heather Cannon

This coincided with the AOMC National Motoring Heritage Day (Drive it Day)

Who attended:

Trevor & Jill Beaumont  
Wally Thompson  
Heather & Tom Cannon  
Jack & Shirley Craven  
Janet Field & Peter Vat  
Ron & Glenda Rodgers  
Tex & Leonie Conway

Leigh & Sandra Whisart  
Tony & Maxine Pettigrew  
Lilly & Greg Margretts  
Mary & Ian Hodge  
John & Teya Broadbent  
Mac & Mary Wilson  
Graham & Kate Tomarge

John Provis & Dawn Shoppee  
Rick Lloyd & Barb Cavell  
Rob Nolan & Mary Cheng  
Rob Coventry  
Terry & Leonie Conway  
Greg & Phill Howe

The morning started out with grey clouds, not sure if it wanted to rain, but it held off and we all met at "Sunnyside Park" in Loch for a cuppa and chat. After a few people had a wander around town we met up and started our run. We went through Kernot then Glen Alvie and continued through the lovely rolling hills and windy roads to Bena. Continuing through Bena and on to Poowong where we stopped at the Pub for a lovely lunch and catch up with friends. All time favourite on the menu at the Poowong Pub was Lambs Fry & bacon, with an egg! All in all a lovely day out.



*Acknowledgement Heather Cannon & Trevor Beaumont for photos*

## Tribute to “Spannerman – John Piccoli”

All British Classics Car Club (ABCCC) pay tribute to John Piccoli who sadly passed away suddenly in April 2021.

ABCCC Members will remember John as “the Spannerman’ from Boort. Fly the Flag (FTF) went there twice, Tony & Maxine were instrumental in them opening up to the public. On these tours we all had the great pleasure to meet John and his wife, Sonia, we were lucky enough to have had a very personal tour of John’s work that was on display throughout the grounds of their property. He was very passionate about his birds (Macaw parrots).

John Piccoli story is one of a very humble man who was very proud of his family and his work. John would share his very personal life story on how he contracted polio at the age of eight, spending three years in hospital, he was confined to a wheelchair for the rest of his life. Despite his physical constraints, he successfully farmed his family’s third-generation property until retiring and embarking on artistic adventures. His workshop was full of spanners, which he started to collect from clearance sales, once everyone knew of how he would use the spanners they started coming in droves from various ways, mostly from donations. He would then use these old tools in many forms for his most incredible sculptures. We were all amazed at John’s creativity, he could visualise in his head how he was going to do it and then proceed without the use of drawings and using blocks and pulleys to manoeuvre himself. It was always a great trip to Boort & we hope the legacy John created continues.

Condolences to Sonia and family.



Acknowledgement to Glenda Prewett for the photos taken in 2017

## If we get out of Covid & back to London, you will be hailing an MG as a taxi.....

London Taxis are as British as bowler hats and Big Ben.  
It's a bit of a twist really, as that distinctive black cab is now seen in many places around the world, even in Australia & China.  
In the streets of London you can hail a MG ZS EV as a taxi.

This MG just happens to be electric.....

I suppose the bowler hat is made in China!

**MG ZS EV**



## A British Car (ABC) Quiz!

Quick quiz, put your MGB knowledge to the test... it's so easy, good luck! (answers on the next page)

1. How many doors does the MGB car have?
  - A. 2
  - B. 3
  - C. 4
  - D. 5
2. Who manufactured the MGB car?
  - A. BDC
  - B. VDC
  - C. BGC
  - D. BMC
3. What's the name of the car's predecessor?
  - A. MGA
  - B. MGB
  - C. MGR
  - D. MGC
4. When did the production of the MGB in Australia cease?
  - A. 1980
  - B. 1986
  - C. 1972
  - D. 1978
5. What does MG stand for?
  - A) Morris Garages
  - B) Manchester Grilles
  - C) Milton Gaskets
  - D) Manford Gears



**Answers:**

1.A – 2,    2. D BMC,    3. A – MGA,    4. C – 1972,    5. A – Morris Garages

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# NEWS FLASH

## Recognition to George & Pat Hetrel, Como Gardens

George & Pat Hetrel have received an official invitation from Government House to receive an award on the 22 July 2021 in recognition of their Open Gardens fundraising events which benefited the St Johns Ambulance with two vehicles and equipment. At a recent event, George made this announcement and thanked the ABCCC & members for their contribution, noting the support and assistance provided– such as driving the miniature train, serving morning and afternoon teas, selling tickets, car parking, watching over the garden and so on.



Many ABCCC members fondly remember the Como Gardens open garden days, it was a very popular event with visitors coming from far and near, all for a good cause.      Congratulations George & Pat

